

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

REMOVAL OF RETURN RECEIPT FOR  
MERCHANDISE SERVICE FROM THE MAIL  
CLASSIFICATION SCHEDULE

DOCKET NO. MC2015-8

COMMENTS OF DAVID B. POPKIN

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Respectfully submitted,

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The Postal Service is proposing to remove the Return Receipt for Merchandise ["RRM"] Service from the Mail Classification Schedule. The Postal Service indicates that the RRM service is also provided by Signature Confirmation Service or by Certified Mail with a green post card return receipt [Form 3811].

If the customer has a reason for requiring the actual signature of the addressee or addressee's agent as opposed to an electronic version of the signature<sup>1</sup>, the customer would be required to use the Certified Mail option which would require the use of Priority Mail as opposed to Standard Post at an increased cost for the underlying mail piece.<sup>2</sup>

Another reason for desiring the use of a green post card return receipt goes back to the problem that I have had with the return receipt service for mail going to large private or government addressees. The Postal Service was delivering the mail piece without obtaining the signature of the addressee at the time of delivery. Quite often the Postal Service would deliver the accountable mail piece without obtaining a delivery signature and if it wasn't for the addressee completing the Form 3811 on their own and later mail it back to the mailer, there would be no proof of delivery.

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<sup>1</sup> This could be a legal need or desire of the mailer or the lack of the ability to receive the electronic version.

<sup>2</sup> 70 pounds to Zone 8 would be \$133.40 for Priority Mail and \$105.83 for Standard Post.

For the reasons noted, I request that the service be retained.